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Maxwell Taylor		27 Sept 62	Special Group Aug- mented MOONGOOSE Diem/

OCCURRENCE:

Taylor states that the Special Group and the Special Group Augmented considered a proposal by CIA for covert activities designed to harass the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. This had been prepared in response to a request by the Sec.'s of State and Defense.

Taylor added that the Special Group asked that a more detailed operation plan be prepared. It was agreed that Defense make certain equipment and personnel available to CIA in support of this program. ~~Analyst flight designed to identify the North Vietnamese radar order of battle, so as to permit planning overflight routes was authorized. This will be flown out of Saigon, using the specially equipped aircraft available on Taiwan, but with the Chinese Air Force markings removed, and employing Chinese Nationalists pilots documented South Vietnamese citizens.~~

SOURCE: Maxwell Taylor's memorandum for the President, dated Sept 27, 1962. (00050)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>CARD 2 of 2</u> <u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> TOP SECRET
HELMS, Richard	feb 61	

OCCURRENCE: (continued from card 1)

HARVEY used **SHEVER** in developing the EXECUTIVE ACTION capability (38).

RUGS states that Sometime shortly after this initial meeting, and while HARVEY was still discussing the development of EXECUTIVE ACTION with BISSELL, "he briefed Mr. HELMS fully on the general concept but without mention of the then on-going plan to assassinate CASTRO." (38)

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<u>SOURCE:</u> I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 37-38	<u>STAFF:</u> Baron
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Maheu Edwards Rosselli✓ Giancana	Trafficante Breckinridge 3 or 4-61	Castro

OCCURRENCE:

that was
Breckinridge testified Maheu on retainer to CIA "in the early days" (Tr. 99) ('50's?) and "on one occasion" he obtained a female companion for an important foreign leader." (Tr. 99) Edwards contacted Maheu who contacted Rosselli who contacted Giancana who contacted Trafficante, who "travelled to and from Cuba," (Tr. 100) and who "had a source inside Cuba (who) ...was believed to have access to Castro and a poison pill was developed that he was to insert into Castro's food." (Tr. 101)

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Testimony of Wm. Colby, 5/23/75	John Bayly
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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u> (See list of names below.)	<u>DATES:</u> Apr 17, 61 -	<u>CATEGORIES:</u> <u>TOP SECRET</u> CASTRO CIA - SYNDICATE/PHASE II -- KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II
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CARD 1 of 3

OCCURRENCE: The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I. Those with knowledge of PHASE II are:

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2. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W
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(He knows that Harvey took over the
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developments thereafter.)
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7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted
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VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know
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<u>SOURCE:</u> I.G. REPORT 1967 55 - 56	<u>STAFF:</u> Baron
<u>FILE:</u>	<u>DATE:</u> 28.6.75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

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DATES:

Apr 17 '61

CATEGORIES:

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OCCURRENCE:

SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)

3. (RAY TREISCHLER, TSD (REISCHLER's participation was limited to furnishing the bills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962.)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

HARVEY, William
O'CONNELL [REDACTED]
ROSSELLI, John

DATES:

14 April 1962
June 1962

CATEGORIES:

CASTRO
SUBA -- SYNDICATE/PHASE II

OCCURRENCE:

(46)

HARVEY, O'CONNELL, and ROSSELLI meet in Washington. O'CONNELL and HARVEY agreed that O'CONNELL continue in the operation for two or three weeks after HARVEY's takeover (46).

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SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, p. 46

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
HARVEY, William ROSSELLI, John ✓ VARONA, Tony O'CONNELL (O'DONNELL) CASTRO, Fidel	21 April 1962	TOP SECRET CASA 120 CUBA -- SYNDICATE/PHASE II

OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY arrives in Miami to find ROSELLI already in touch with TONY VARONA, the Cuban exile leader who had participated in PHASE I. (47)

According to HARVEY and O'CONNELL, who agreed that this was an on-going operation, the poison pills were to be placed into CASTRO's food, by an asset of VARONA's who had access to someone in a restaurant frequented by CASTRO.

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O'CONNELL ~~O'CONNELL~~
ROSSELLI, John

DATES:
14 April 1962
June 1962

CASTRO
~~U.S.A.~~ CATEGORIES:
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OCCURRENCE:

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

MC CONE, HARVEY, RUIZ

de Cunha, Virginica

DATES:

July 10, 1962
June, 11, 1962
July 1, 1962
May, 1962

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE:

Efforts were made to establish contact with Juana Castro Ruiz, half-sister of Fidel and Raul Castro Ruiz, because she opposed the strong Communist nature of the Cuban regime. According to Mrs. Virginia Leitao de Cunha, she contacted Ruiz and obtained Ruiz agreement to provide intelligence on the Cuban political leadership and to work against the Cuban Communist regime, "short of engaging in activity which might result in direct personal harm to her brothers Raul and Fidel." Arrangements were being made for direct recruitment of Ruiz in Mexico.

SOURCE:

Memorandum for McCone from William Harvey re:

Juana Castro Ruiz, 10 July 1962 (02561)

FILE:

STAFF:

DATE: di Genova
July 1, 1975

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Desmond FITZGERALD
AMLASH
Nestor SANCHEZ
Robert KENNEDY
HELMS

DATES:

Oct. 29, 1963
Nov. 13, 1963

CATEGORIES:

Castro

Card 1 of 2

OCCURRENCE: (CARD 1)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
SANCHEZ FITZGERALD AMLASH	Oct. 29, 1963 Nov. 13, 1963	Castro <i>Card 2 of 2</i>

OCCURRENCE: (CARD 2)

In a memorandum by ~~SANCHEZ~~ on November 13, 1963, it was reported that "FITZGERALD informed ~~AMLASH~~ that the U.S. is prepared to render all necessary assistance to any anti-Communist Cuban group which succeeds in neutralizing the present Cuban leadership." (89) Despite the fact that ~~SANCHEZ~~ reported that "nothing of an operational nature was discussed at the FITZGERALD meeting" (90), FITZGERALD recalled that AMLASH-1 "spoke repeatedly of the need for an assassination weapon. In particular, he wanted a high-powered rifle with telescopic sights or some other weapon that could be used to kill Castro from a distance." (90) FITZGERALD said that he told AMLASH "that the U.S. Government would have no part of an attempt on CASTRO's life. (90) However, the ~~SANCHEZ~~ memorandum reported "After the meeting" ~~AMLASH~~ stated that he was satisfied with the policy discussion but now desired to know what technical support we could provide him." (90)

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Desmond FITZGERALD
AMLASH
Nestor SANCHEZ
Robert KENNEDY
HELMS

DATES:

Oct. 29, 1963
Nov. 13, 1963

CATEGORIES:

Castro

OCCURRENCE: (CARD 1)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
SANCHEZ FITZGERALD AMLASH	Oct. 29, 1963 Nov. 13, 1963	Castro

Card 2 of 2

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

SANCHEZ
AMLASH
(MANUEL) ARTIME

DATES:

Dec. 6-7, 1964

CATEGORIES:

Castro

OCCURRENCE:

SANCHEZ met with AMLASH in Paris. AMLASH indicated that although he was unable to carry out his plans during the past year, he "continued to feel that his solution to the Cuban problem was the only one feasible and that he had to continue trying." (100) AMLASH "was told that the U.S. Government could not and would not in any way become involved or provide assistance in the task he had planned for himself." (100)

However, the IG REPORT explains that SAS "contrived to put (MANUEL) ARTIME and (AMLASH) together in such a way that neither knew that the contact had been engineered by the CIA. The thought was that ARTIME needed a man inside and (AMLASH) wanted a silenced weapon, which CIA was unwilling to furnish to him directly. By putting the two together, ARTIME might get his man inside and (AMLASH) might get his silenced weapon--from ARTIME. CIA did not intend to furnish an assassination weapon for ARTIME to give to (AMLASH). (100)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

ARTIME

AMLASH

~~(SANCHEZ)~~ ✓

DATES:

Dec. 30, 1964

Jan. 3, 1965

CATEGORIES:

Castro

OCCURRENCE:

ARTIME and AMLASH met in Madrid, where AMLASH told ARTIME that "he had requested a silencer for a FAL rifle from the Americans, which they had not been able to provide. ARTIME agreed to furnish either a silencer for a FAL or a comparable rifle with silencer." (102) ARTIME reported the results of this conversation in a meeting with ~~(SANCHEZ)~~ in Florida on Jan. 3, 1965.

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ARTIME

AMLASH

SANCHEZ

DATES:

Dec. 30, 1964

Jan. 3, 1965

CATEGORIES:

Castro

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:		DATES:	CATEGORIES:
RFK	Mr. McCone	Col. Lafford (CIA)	
McGeorge Bundy	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Parrot	Oct 9, 1962
Mr. Johnson	Dr. Charyk		Special Group (Augmented)
Mr. Gilpatrick	Dr. Scoville		
Gen. Taylor	Col. Steakley		<i>Mongoose</i>

OCCURRENCE:

SGA discussed various possibilities of accomplishing reconnaissance of Cuba, ranging from very low level coverage by tactical aircraft to high performance aircraft and drones. Over flights and peripheral flights were discussed.

It was agreed that the first priority is one high performance mission in the western part of the island, to be accompanied by all out Elint support. Depending on the results of this, a number of similar searches may be mounted. First mission was later approved by higher authority, but the decision on the second proposition left open.

The entire package was to be discussed at the USIB, and by Chiefs on Wednesday, October 10th.

SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for the record, dated October 9, 1962, effecting a meeting of FILE: Special Group Augmented and prepared by Thomas Parrot. (00221)	DATE: POW 6/20/75

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(~~CEEVER~~ knows that HARVEY was meeting with gangsters in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962.)
7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know the identities of the recipients nor (con't.)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

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CATEGORIES:

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OCCURRENCE:

SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

HARVEY, William
SILVER, Arnold
BISSELL, Richard

DATES:

26 Jan. 1961

CATEGORIES:

EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY testified that he had a conversation with ARNOLD SILVER about the EXECUTIVE ACTION project on January 26, 1961, after HARVEY and BISSELL had already discussed the matter. (52). HARVEY testified that he learned early in the operation that BISSELL had discussed the question of assassination with ARNOLD SILVER. (52)

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SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975, p. 52

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

Silver, Arnold
Harvey, William
Bissell, Richard

DATES:

1/26/61

CATEGORIES:
EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE: Harvey testified that he had a conversation with Arnold Silver about the Executive Action Project on January 26, 1961, after Harvey and Bissell had already discussed the matter (52). Harvey testified that he learned early in the operation that Bissell had discussed the question of assassination with Arnold Silver (52)

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HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 25, 1975, p. 52

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
HARVEY, WILLIAM SELVER, ARNOED KUBARK	Spring, 1961 1961 Jan. 26, 1961	EXECUTIVE ACTION
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u> Harvey was asked about notes written by him and and others from their meeting in January of 1961, concerning Executive Action. One portion of the notes stated, "Be within KUBARK, one focal point for control, search, training, case officering, etc. -- GDP authority in this focal point mandatory. DCI officially advised?" (57) Harvey testified that he did not know whether the DCI was advised, that he had been asked to create a capability for Executive Action and had taken certain steps to have an assessment of assets in that connection. (57) Harvey clarified that the wording of the memo probably meant that consideration should be given to the question of how, whether and under what circumstances the DCI should be officially advised of his program, "I want to make it clear that this in no way means he should be advised. He should not be advised, he should never be advised, he should always be advised." (59). He testified that this matter would have been brought up again at any time the Executive Action Project led to specific targeting or specific operation or specific intelligence intelligence (59)		
<u>SOURCE:</u> HARVEY TESTIMONY, June 21, 1975, pp. 19-20 TOP SECRET		
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ZRRIFLE QJWIN SILVER, Arnold LUMUMBA, Patrice	JO'DONNELL, Justin BISSELL, Richard May 1961 February 19, 1962 <i>Feb., 1961</i>	EXECUTIVE ACTION ZRRIFLE	

OCCURRENCE:

"The project name, ZRRIFLE, first appears in the files in May 1961, although the first recorded approval is dated 19 February 1962." (38)

"The EXECUTIVE ACTION ~~program~~ program came to be known as ZRRIFLE. Its principal asset was an agent, QJWIN, who had been recruited earlier by ~~ARNOLD SILVER~~ for use in a special operation in the ~~CONGO~~, to be run by ~~JUSTIN O'DONNELL~~. ~~O'DONNELL~~ made a survey of the scene, decided he wanted no part in that assassination attempt, and asked to be released -- which BISSELL granted)." (38)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
BISSELL, Richard HARVEY WHITE HOUSE SEEVER, Arnold	GOTTLEIB, Sidney February 1961 (HARVEY's rough estimate)	TOP SECRET EXECUTIVE ACTION / ZRRIFLE CASTRO LEADER CONGO

OCCURRENCE:

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BISSELL assigns to HARVEY / developing of "an EXECUTIVE ACTION capability, i.e., a general stand-by capability to carry out assassinations when required." (37)

"HARVEY's notes quote BISSELL as saying, 'The WHITE HOUSE has twice urged me to create such a capability.' BISSELL recalls discussing the question of developing a general capability with HARVEY." (37)

"HARVEY says that BISSELL had already discussed certain aspects of the problem with ~~CARNOLD~~
~~SEEVER~~ and with ~~SIDNEY GOTTLIEB~~ (37-38).

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BISSELL, Richard HARVEY, William REED SILVER, Arnold ✓ LUMUMBA, Patrice	O'DONNELL, Justin BRECKENRIDGE, S. HELMS, Richard QJWIN	FEB. 1961	TOP SECRET EXECUTIVE ACTION/ZRRIFLE CONGO
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u>		TOP SECRET	

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NOTE: In the copy of the I.G. REPORT provided to the Committee, which was, according to EARMAN's cover memorandum the ribbon copy, which was the only text of the report in existence, the phrase in the above paragraph [redacted] was crossed out. S. BRECKENRIDGE indicated to the Committee that this phrase was crossed out by RICHARD HELMS when he read the report. Why?

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OCCURRENCE:

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

HARVEY, William
~~Win, K. J.~~ *QJWIN*
SILVER, Arnold

DATES:

6/25/69

CATEGORIES:

EXECUTIVE ACTION

OCCURRENCE:

HARVEY testified that Q.J.Win was an agent that he considered for possible use and used for a limited period through ARNOLD SILVER for the spotting of individuals with criminal and underworld connections in Europe for possible multipurpose use, none of whom were ever advised of the use. (50) Or were ever used.

When HARVEY was asked if the multipurpose use included assassination, he stated that if he had ever been directly ordered to perform an assassination, he would have considered the people spotted by Q.J.Win as possibilities. (50) He testified that before someone would have actually been approached to carry out that operation, there would have been a long period of assessment and cross checks. As far as he knew, the particular spotting mechanism never went that far. So far as HARVEY could recall K.J.Win was used only once in connection with an operation in the [redacted] (51)

SOURCE: HARVEY TESTIMONY June 25, 1975, pp. 50-51

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
AM LASH STEWART, JACK	March 9, 1961	CASTRO <i>1 of 2</i>

OCCURRENCE:

JACK STEWART, an officer assigned to the Mexico City station, met in Mexico City with a high officer in the Cuban armed forces who was subsequently to become a CIA asset known as A.M. LASH-1.* STEWART met with A.M. LASH to sound out his views on the Cuban situation. A.M. LASH was in Mexico City to attend a "leftist-sponsored" conference. (78).

The March 1961 meeting was inconclusive, but it led to other meetings out of which Project A.M.LASH was created. A.M. LASH-1 "repeatedly insisted that the essential first step in overthrowing the regime was the elimination of CASTRO himself, which /A.M. LASH-1/ claimed he was prepared to accomplish. He repeatedly requested that we /CIA/ furnish him the special equipment or material needed to do the job." (79).

The IG REPORT concludes that: "The Agency offered both direct and indirect support for /A.M. LASH's/ plottings." (80) (Continued on next card)

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RFK	Mr. McCone	Col. Lefford (CLV)	Oct 9, 1962	Special Group (Augmented) <i>Mongoose</i>
McGeorge Bundy	Mr. Wilson	Mr. Parrot		
Mr. Johnson	Dr. Charyk			
Mr. Gilpatrick	Dr. Scoville			
Gen. Taylor	Col. Steakley			

OCCURRENCE:

SGA discussed various possibilities of accomplishing reconnaissance of Cuba, ranging from very low level coverage by tactical aircraft to high performance aircraft and drones. Over-flights and peripheral flights were discussed.

It was agreed that the first priority is one high performance mission in the western part of the island, to be accompanied by all out ELINT support. Depending on the results of this, a number of similar searches may be mounted. First mission was later approved by higher authority, but the decision on the second proposition left open.

The entire package was to be discussed at the USIB, and by Chiefs on Wednesday, October 10th.

SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for the record, dated October 9, 1962, effecting a meeting of FILE: Special Group Augmented and prepared by Thomas Parrot. (02821)	DATE: PGW 6/29/75